



First United Methodist Church

*We invite people into Christian community where they
can become deeply committed disciples of Jesus Christ*

The Beacon

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Christmas Eve at Plymouth First United Methodist Church



Christmas Eve is a night of great promise and hope. We celebrate God's great gift of love in sending His Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to save us. We invite you to set aside time to come and experience the great miracle of Christmas.

May the stars shine bright,
May the song of the angels be clear,
May the love of God hold you today, and
May Christ bring joy to you and all who are near.

A variety of worship services await you on Christmas Eve at First Church.

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| 10:00 A.M. | Morning Worship
"Joy to the World"
Dr. Dean A. Klump, preaching |
| 4:30 P.M. | Family Worship Service
"Christmas Story Retold: Some Wise Men Visit Jesus"
Featuring band led Christmas Carols |
| 8:00 &
10:00 P.M. | Candlelight Services
"It isn't Far to Bethlehem"
Dr. Dean A. Klump, preaching |

Membership Concerns

“Pray for one another” James 5:16
“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”
I Corinthians 12:26

Members

Jane Anderson, Erma Collins, John Duke, Jean Fried, Charlotte Kime, Loretta Lahr, Julie Ma, Mitch Madis, Lyda Miehke, Wayne Miehke, Bill Neff, Lucy Shaw, Evelyn Stanible, Norma West

Extended Family

Natalie Delbusso, *granddaughter of Nancy Thomas*
Steve Duve, *friend of Joe Walker*
David Engelman, *uncle of Chris Beaudoin*
Kathy Geldon, *friend of Sandy Goga*
Wilma Head, *Kathy Berlingers mother*
Blake Heindenrich, *friend of Kelly McCallister*
Chris Hewlett, *daughter-in-law of Barb McIlhargey*
Robert Holloway, *friend of Joe Walker*
Clay Good, *Dale & Marilyn Goods' son*
Jim Jelley, *Kathy Berliner's uncle*
Tom Kozah, *brother-in-law of Tammy Todd*
Dorine Anderson, *mother of Kathy Lawrence*
Dave Little, *stepfather of Tammy Todd*
Lynda McIntosh, *daughter of Bonnie Iler*
Nathan McCool, *friend of Jan Groat*
Barbara Quarles, *aunt of Natalie McLaughlin*
Jeff Quinn, *son-in-law of Bonnie Iler*
Betty Robison, *cousin of Loretta Lahr*
Ruth Rumbold, *mother of Jan Groat*
Keith Salmonson, *brother of Carol Mills*
Doug Smith, *friend of Dave Daley*
Andrea Warmbier, *granddaughter of Rudy & Bonnie Palluck*
Sarah Wood, *sister of Gordon Tyler*



Military Family

Beau Barker, Kevin Bowen, David Bruch, Kevin Clafton, (Strobridge), Brandon Cook, Rob Day, Jeremy Thomas Jones, Jeff Klein, Ernie Krajewski, Russell McCallister, Josh Nelson, Matthew Kimsal, Ryan McClain, Christopher McClain, Brandon Saleh, Jessica Skelly, Justin Skelly.



Missionary Family

Heather Berlin, Barbara Brooks, Rob Day, Sarah & Kris Kappler, Kim & Paul McVety, Beth Ann Nelson

Thank You's

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD THANK YOU!

Thank you for all of your filled shoe boxes, box supplies, and prayers. PFUMC collected 235 shoeboxes this year! What a successful year! Thank you!



I would like to thank the church and its members for praying for my fiancé, Darlene Bashlor, while she was going through her knee surgery.

Thank you very much for keeping us in your prayers.

Joseph Scicluna





December 17th – Revelation Music Ministry

All those who would like to sing are invited to meet at 10:15 in the sanctuary to learn an easy anthem to sing at the 11:00 service.

December 31st Music Ministry Opportunity

All musicians and singers are invited to participate in leading music for our 10:00 AM service on Sunday, December 31st. If you're interested, please contact Marcia Van Oyen. Once I know who is planning to participate, I'll choose some music. We'll rehearse at 9:00 AM on the Dec. 31. Come one, come all, and make a joyful noise!

Christmas Eve Worship Schedule

On Sunday, December 24th, there will be one morning service and three evenings services.

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| 10:00 AM | Fourth Sunday of Advent – orchestra, children's vocal and bell choirs, Dr. Klump will preach. |
| 4:30 PM | Route 252 – worship band, drama, and message given by Abby Kammann. |
| 8:00 PM | Candlelight Worship – Dr. Klump preaching, Chancel Choir, Festival Bells |
| 10:00 PM | Candlelight Worship— Dr. Klump preaching, Chancel Choir, organ prelude |

Cookies Needed for Santa's Workshop

If you could bake 3-5 dozen sugar cookies in Christmas shapes for Saturday, December 16, please call the office and let Cathy know. The children will decorate these for Santa's Workshop.

Thank you.

Linda Bynum



Santa's Workshop

Saturday, December 16th

For children age 4 to 12

10:00 am ~ 3:00 pm

Sign Up
Today!!!



The most wonderful time of the year is just around the corner and so is Santa's Workshop! Santa's Workshop is a great chance for your kids to make crafts and goodies to give as presents to family and friends! Hopefully it will give you a chance to do some Christmas shopping too! Pick up a permission slip between services to reserve your child's spot. If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail Abby at the church office or abby@pfumc.org.



Are you a Santa's Helper?

Many hands are needed to make Santa's Workshop a success. Would you be willing to volunteer for part or all of the day? Please contact Abby to sign up.

BOOKBYTES

A generous donor has given your FUMC Library a number of new Guideposts books. They involve two series – *Tales from Grace Chapel Inn* are situated in a renovated bed-and-breakfast location on the east coast while the other, *Mysteries of Sparrow Island*, takes the reader to the northwest.

In both series, sisters are the main characters. Grace Chapel Inn is run by three sisters who did not initially agree on the set-up and decorating of the inherited building. Their multiple talents prevailed and it seemed like smooth sailing in spite of episodes with their busy-body aunt. On Sparrow Island, one sister returns home to care for her wheel-chair bound sibling. Living on a small island does not insulate against mysteries what they delve into and eventually solve.

Look for these fascinating Christian readings on the New Feature shelf in your Library. Stop in, browse and find some interesting reading for the cooler evenings. Simply date and sign your name on the checkout card found in the book and leave the card on the desk; then return the item within three weeks.

There are books and movies on video, CD and DVD. Available for younger interests are many books as well as video movies. You will find something for all ages.

Historical fact: Ezekiel preached in Iraq

Funeral Meal Ministry

What is that?

Who does that serve?

It is that ministry sponsored by the UMW to provide a caring meal after a funeral or memorial service. We serve those that request our ministry. It takes many hands and hearts to provide this care:

Those willing to coordinate, those willing to make calls to fellow volunteers, those willing to cook, those willing to clean, those willing to serve the meal, and those willing to provide salads and desserts.

And lovingly all this is not done only by women—yes, we have some dedicated men who volunteer! If in your heart, and in your prayers, you are called to SERVE for any of these needs, please contact me, Julie, at 734-451-0149 or e-mail to JJAB-Fitz@sbcglobal.net



DONATION DEADLINE

Please have all of your pledges and donations in for the year 2006 no later than December 28, 2006. The church office will be closed December 25, 26 and 29, 2006. Any donations for the year 2006 received in January 2007 will be applied to the new year of 2007. We need to do this in order to balance our records and send out annual statements promptly. If you should have any questions, please contact Susan Henry, Financial Secretary. Thank you.

UMW NEWS

Our January meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4th at 1:00 pm. As previously scheduled, at this meeting we will be working on our "Blankets for Linus" project. Bring your fleece fabric and some sharp scissors. We will cut and tie the fringe in the Parlor. As always, please let Pat or Nancy know if you cannot be there.

Ruth Circle
will be having their annual catered Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 20th starting at 11:30 in the Church Parlor. Lunch will be served starting at Noon, but plan on arriving early because we plan on taking some pictures of the group seated early around the decorated tables.

If you have any questions or are unable to attend, please contact:
Katherine Thompson at:
734-459-8227

Prime Timers



Sign up for all activities
in the
Fellowship Hall between
services on Sunday morning
or by calling the
church

**Wednesday January
24**



Lunch & Game Day

Board games, card
games, knitting and
chatting will be the order

Contact us; Linda at
linda@pfumc.org
or Cathy at cathym@pfumc.org

Check out the web site at
www.pfumc.org under tab
for Adults, PrimeTimers

Valentine's
Dinner



February 14th

Fit for royalty!

Bynum's
will be cooking.

5 ~ 7:30 pm

Sign up Deadline:
February 9th

Sunday School Changes In December Schedule

December 17th: Normal Sunday School

December 24th: One Service: 10:00 a.m. Only Preschool Sunday School (2 yrs-Kind)

Family Worship for 1st-6th graders

December 31st: One Service: 10:00 a.m.
No Sunday School, Family Worship for All Ages
Nursery Provided for under 2 years.

Join us each week in the Core at 10:30 a.m. at Route 252 for contemporary music, relevant skits, brief DVD portions, an interactive sermon, and plenty of audience participation. During the month of December we are talking about the virtue of Compassion and how God reached out to all of humanity in compassion as He sent His son Jesus to save us. Bring your family, bring a neighbor, and a friend and join us in worship during the Advent season.



Service Schedule

SERVING SUNDAY, Dec. 17

Liturgist: Rich Hoy

Acolytes:

9 am Emma Swales,
Gertrude Daly
11 am Derek Blunden
Austin Beaudoin

Ushers: 9:00 am: Terry Ryan,
Dennis Piggott, Linda Piggott,
Ron Lowe, Gary Krueger, John
Thomason, Brenda Thomason,
Tim Andrews, Sandra Andrews

11:00 am Mel Litke,
Vince Maiorana, Lois Maiorana,
Steve Crecelius, Art Ruhl, Jan
Seamonds, Carl Robertson,
Corinne Robertson, Carl Mar-
see, Dean Scrimger

Counters: Gene Kornegay, Jack
Hakala, Sandy Kosky, Vickie
Krause

Hosts: Hartke Small Group

SERVING SUNDAY, Dec. 24

Liturgists:

10:00 am Dennis Brunzell
8:00 pm Holly Good
10:00 pm Martha Daigneau

Ushers: 9:00 am: Art Single,
Wayne Fercho, Jill West, Mark
Caudill, Chris Holland, Bonnie
Iler, Kent Montgomery, Betsy
Montgomery, Bruce Christen-
son

11:00 am Karl Little,
Harve Massey, Wes Kappler,
Keith Cox, James D. Freeman,
Eric Madsen, Bill Schlabach,
Kerry Montgomery, Katelyn
Montgomery, Duane King,
Whitney Stevens

SERVING SUNDAY, Dec. 31

Liturgist: TBD

Acolytes:

9:00 am Jeremy Muse
Collin Watkins
11:00 am Sally Hoy
Emma Hoy

Ushers: 9:00 am: Jim Bynum,
Bill Pickering, Ed Wittenberg,
Eileen Wittenberg, Barbara
Werner, Margaret Lane, Drew
Lane, Josh Haries, William
Maxwell, Joy Coyle, Brad
Coyle

11:00 am Mel Litke,
Vince Maiorana, Lois Maio-
rana, Steve Crecelius, Art Ruhl,
Jan Seamonds, Carl Robertsor
Corinne Robertson, Carl Mar-
see, Dean Scrimger

Counters: Tim Trinkka, Don
Richter, Pat Richter, Kristi
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS



New Address

**Steve & Kristen Gulyas
10250 Parkway Dr.
Fishers, IN 46037**

Livewires: Begins January 8th!

Livewires begins January 8th for kids beginning at age 3-6th grade and will bring a spark to your Wednesday evenings! During our winter session we will meet for 8 weeks beginning January 8th, ending March 7th (not meeting on Ash Wednesday) from 6:45-8:00 p.m. each Wednesday evening.

Our preschool class kids age 3-kind. will meet in room 306/308 to learn Bible stories, play games, do crafts, and enjoy a brief puppet show each week. This is a great opportunity for your preschooler to have fellowship and fun while learning more about God! Please contact Abby Kammann if you would like to register your preschooler. If we do not have 8 children to meet in this class, it may not be offered.

Kids in 1st-6th grade will meet in the Fellowship Hall where they will do crafts, play games, eat snacks, have an interactive teaching time with a skit each week, and meet in small groups to talk about what we are learning. Please contact Abby if you are interested in your kids being a part of Livewires so we can plan accordingly.



Make It Happen: Fill a Food Pantry

We have challenged our kids in Sunday School and our families at Route 252 to Make It Happen and work to fill the Salvation Army's food pantry this holiday season. Join us by bringing in canned and dry goods and placing them in the box labeled in the Great Hall, the Choir Room, or in the Core. Let's make it happen and help feed those in need this holiday season!



Gentlemen

Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve in the Lord's work with young people?

If so, you might be just the man to co-lead a group study for students aged 15 to 19 on Exploring a Christian Worldview: Counter-Cultural Christians with Charles Colson. It is a 12 week study to begin sometime in January. Please give this your prayerful consideration, and if you would like to learn more about this study, please call Sandy Kosky at 459-5471.

May God Bless You On Your Birthday

Mr William Bracht	1/1	Mr Rex Tubbs	1/12	Mrs Donna Dishman	1/27
Mrs Caryn Schmitt	1/1	Emily Gurczynski	1/14	Ms Jean Glenn	1/27
Mr Robert Vreeland	1/1	Melissa King	1/14	Mrs Dot Kornegay	1/27
Mrs Martha Giles	1/2	Kristen Krohn	1/14	Mr James Groat	1/28
Mrs Loretta Olson	1/2	Mrs Denise Lorber	1/14	Mrs Julie Fitzsimmons	1/29
Mrs Wendy Boye	1/3	Mrs Terry Tubbs	1/14	Danielle Gomrick	1/29
Linda Clements	1/3	Mrs Katherine Booth	1/15	Mr Robert Zink	1/29
Mr Harold Denison	1/3	Joe Underwood	1/15	Mrs Lisa Berlanga	1/30
Mr Carl Marsee	1/4	Mr Leo Magee	1/16	Ryan Dugan	1/30
Mrs Janet Mason	1/4	Julia Bank	1/18	Alexander Magee	1/30
Mr Tim Andrews	1/5	Mrs Marnie Holdefer	1/18	Mr Robert Mason	1/30
Mr William Ash	1/5	Mrs Lois M Maiorana	1/19	Mrs Joan Curreri	1/31
Mr D. Jack Blunden	1/5	Mrs Valerie Murray	1/19	Jenine Rowe	1/31
Mr Richard Trame	1/5	Mrs Joyce Roebuck	1/19	Ms Carol Saunders	1/31
Mrs Gretchen Beems	1/6	Mrs Linda Calzone	1/20	Mrs Terri Scrimger	1/31
Krista Shuler	1/6	Brandon Dugan	1/20	Mrs Elizabeth Ann Stump	1/31
Lesley A Herald	1/7	Mary Pauline	1/20		
Mr Robert McNally	1/7	Mr Kenneth Dersey	1/21		
Nicholas Rowe	1/7	William Fitzsimmons	1/21		
Mrs Beverly Clark	1/8	Mr Jeff Hedrick	1/21		
Mrs Marsha Franklin	1/8	Mr Robert Jones	1/21		
Mrs Jean Fried	1/9	Ashley Lockwood	1/21		
Mr Brian D Good	1/9	Mr Kevin S O'Shaughnessey	1/21		
Mrs Muriel Gyde	1/9	Mrs Kristin Patrick	1/21		
Brandon L Hill	1/9	Mr Chester A Simpson	1/21		
Mrs Bonnie Palluck	1/9	Mrs Jill Watkins	1/21		
Mr Donald Richter	1/9	Adam Davis	1/22		
Mr Steve Saia	1/9	Mrs Michelle Kopcak	1/22		
Mrs Catherine Siegler	1/9	Mrs Julie White	1/22		
Mr Gary Lockwood	1/10	Julie N Holderer	1/23		
Jessica Saia	1/10	Mr Whitney Stevens	1/24		
Mrs Jane Sauchak	1/10	Mr Seth Crawford	1/25		
Mrs Karen Blunden	1/11	Ashley Fifield	1/25		
Mr Eric Britton	1/11	Mr Michael Paulsen	1/25		
Ms Nancy Caviston	1/11	Mrs Florence VonGlahn	1/25		
Danielle Crowder	1/11	Mr Wayne Fercho	1/26		
Mrs Courtney Rivera	1/11	Mr Melvin Litke	1/26		
Mrs Virginia Stefan	1/11	Michael Davis	1/27		
Mr Roger Zerby	1/11				
Mrs Linda Bynum	1/12				
Mrs. Sarah Petrie	1/12				



Parents Night Out:

IS IT FOR YOU?

Parent's Night Out is offered approximately once a month on a Friday night from 5:30—9:30 p.m. Parent's Night Out is an opportunity for parents to go out for a night alone while the kids stay at church and have a blast playing games, having fun with their friends, doing crafts, watching a movie, and having snacks.

Kids are placed within their own age-appropriate groups. Both parents are asked to volunteer at least one time for every 3 times they participate in this activity. With the help of those parents staying in, we can provide an awesome night for our kids and a great time out for the parents who need it!

The next date is January 12, 2007. So if you are interested, sign up near the nursery or contact Abby Kammann at abby@pfumc.org.

PRAYER TIME FOR ALL

Through the prompting of the Holy Spirit, Dr. Klump has called us to gather on Sunday mornings for prayer. All are invited to be part of pre-service prayer time for our pastors, congregation and morning worship. Meet in the Parlor at 8:30 A.M. and feel free to come every time you are available. Join in the "new thing" God is doing in our midst.

Sunday, December 17, 2006

- 8:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
- 9:00 am Sunday School
- 9:00 am Worship
- 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
- 10:00 am Fellowship Hour
- 10:30 am Adult Bible Class - Bob Smith
- 10:30 am Family Worship
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm FUMC Orchestra
- 1:00 pm Primetime Christmas Dinner
- 2:00 pm Beckridge Coral
- 6:00 pm Fusion

Monday, December 18, 2006

- 7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, December 19, 2006

- 1:00 pm Fellowship Group
- 5:30 pm Route 252 Band Practice

Wednesday, December 20, 2006

- 6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 6:00 am Women's Prayer Group
- 9:30 am Comfort Circle - UMW
- 11:30 am Ruth Circle
- 6:00 pm Carol Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal
- 6:00 pm Children's Choir party
- 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
- 6:30 pm W.E.C small group
- 7:30 pm Boy Scout's
- 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, December 21, 2006

- 12:30 pm Prayer Fellowship
- 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
- 6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
- 7:00 pm Finance Committee
- 7:30 pm Festival Bells rehearsal

Saturday, December 23, 2006

- 4:00 pm Christmas Eve Rehearsal Route 252

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, December 24, 2006

8:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
 10:00 am Worship
 10:30 am Family Worship
 11:00 am Fellowship Hour
 4:30 pm Christmas Eve Service
 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Service
 10:00 pm Christmas Eve Service

Monday, December 25, 2006 & Tuesday, December 26, 2006

Office Closed

Wednesday, December 27, 2006

6:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
 6:00 am Women's Prayer Group
 10:00 am Knee High Fellowship
 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
 7:30 pm Boy Scout's

Thursday, December 28, 2006

7:00 pm Reinhart Small Group

Friday, December 29, 2006 & Saturday, December 30, 2006

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, December 31, 2006

8:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
 9:00 am Sunday School
 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
 10:00 am Worship
 11:00 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, December 25, 2006

Office Closed

Tuesday, January 02, 2007

Office Closed

1:00 pm Friendship Group
 5:30 pm Route 252 Band Practice

Wednesday, January 03, 2007

6:00 pm Wesleyan Choir Rehear.
 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
 6:30 pm W.E.C small group
 7:30 pm Boy Scout's
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehear.

Thursday, January 04, 2007

1:00 pm Faith Circle

Friday, January 5, 2007 & Saturday, January 6, 2007

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 07, 2007

8:00 am Wake Up Call Band Practice
 8:30 am Pre-Service Prayer
 9:00 am Sunday School
 9:00 am Wake Up Call
 10:00 am Cross and Flame Choir
 10:30 am Adult Bible Class – Bob Smith
 10:30 am Family Worship
 12:00 pm FUMC Orchestra
 12:30 pm Board Meetings
 3:30 pm Bible Study
 4:30 pm Exploring Our Faith
 6:00 pm Fusion

Monday, January 08, 2007

8:00 am BSF Leaders Meeting
 10:00 am Bynum Small Group
 11:30 am 60 Plus
 7:00 pm AA/Alanon

Tuesday, January 09, 2007

9:00 am BSF
 11:30 am BSF Fellowship
 5:30 pm Route 252 Band Practice
 6:45 pm Staff-Parish Committee
 7:30 pm All-Church Conference

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

10:00 am Knee High Fellowship
 6:00 pm Carol Choir Rehearsal
 6:00 pm Wesleyan Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm Route 252 Drama Practice
 6:30 pm W.E.C small group
 6:45 pm Livewires
 7:00 pm Community Training 103
 7:30 pm Boy Scout's
 7:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 11, 2007

2:00 pm Knitting and Crochet
 7:30 pm Festival Bells Rehearsal

Friday, January 12, 2007

2:00 pm Soup Kitchen
 5:30 pm Parent's Night Out

Saturday, January 13, 2007

8:00 am Soup Kitchen
 12:00 pm Birthday Party

Dr. High & Friends



Alpine Valley

Saturday,
January 6th
8 am ~ 8 pm

Deadline to
sign up:
January 3rd

Cost: \$15 for Ski Rental
\$24 for Lift Ticket

Bring a sack lunch or money to purchase lunch.
Also, bring money for dinner. We will be stopping at a fast food restaurant.

**Details TBA
(to be announced)**

Sr. High Ski Trip
Friday, January 26th ~ to~ Sunday, January 28th

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